

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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*IN RE: TRIENNIAL REVIEW ORDER-9  
MONTH PROCEEDING-LOOP AND  
TRANSPORT*

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) Docket No. 03-00527  
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**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.**

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Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. ("Birch") petitions the Authority to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310(a).

Birch is a competitive local exchange carrier authorized to provide service in Tennessee. This proceeding will address, among other things, the terms and conditions under which Birch may operate in Tennessee. As a certified telecommunications service provider, Birch's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests or responsibilities may be affected or determined by the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

Birch, therefore, asks that this Petition to Intervene be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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